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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 5, line 17, and ending at page 7, line 17, as follows.

--To this end, an optical free-space communication apparatus according to the present invention includes a first light-emitting source for emitting a first transmission optical beam having a plane of polarization in a predetermined direction, the first transmission optical beam being modulated according to a primary signal containing communication information, and a second light-emitting source for emitting a second transmission optical beam having a plane of polarization perpendicular to the plane of polarization of the first transmission optical beam; the. The second transmission optical beam being is modulated according to an auxiliary signal for angle detection; The apparatus also includes a transmitting optical system for emitting the first and second transmission optical beams out of the apparatus as optical beams each having a predetermined angle of divergence, and a. A driving unit for redirecting redirects the outgoing paths of the first and second transmission optical beams, wherein the the second transmission optical beam has a larger angle of divergence than the first transmission optical beam.

An optical free-space communication apparatus according to the present invention may further include an optical component for splitting a reception optical beam transmitted from another apparatus into a first reception optical beam having a plane of polarization in a predetermined direction and a second reception optical beam having a plane of polarization perpendicular to the plane of polarization of the first reception optical beam; The apparatus may also include a first light-receiving device for detecting the first

reception optical beam split by the optical component, a second light-receiving device for detecting the second reception optical beam split by the optical component, and an arithmetic operation circuit for determining the angle control signal based on the output of the second light-receiving device. The driving unit is controlled according to the angle control signal determined by the arithmetic operation circuit. The optical free-space communication apparatus may further include a receiving lens for guiding the reception optical beam transmitted from the other apparatus to the optical component.

For example, In one embodiment, the optical component may includes include a receiving polarization beam splitter. For example; In another embodiment, the transmitting optical system may includes include a transmitting polarization beam splitter for combining the first transmission optical beam and the second transmission optical beam, and a transmitting lens for emitting the resulting transmission optical beam combined by the transmitting polarization beam splitter out of the apparatus of interest. The driving unit may include a vertical driving unit for vertically redirecting the travelling paths of the first and second transmission optical beams, and a horizontal driving unit for horizontally redirecting the travelling paths of the first and second transmission optical beams.--